

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5517

Board of Licensed Social Workers

To:	Ways and Means Full Committee
From:	Education Subcommittee
Carrier:	Senator Frederick

SB 5517 is the budget bill for Board of Licensed Social Workers.

The mission of the Board of License Social Workers is to protect the citizens of Oregon by setting a strong standard of practice and ethics through the regulation of social workers. The Board sets policy, writes and adopts rules, renews licenses annually and audits continuing education as part of the renewal process.

The Education Subcommittee approved a total budget of \$2,569,726 Other Funds and 8 positions (7.50 FTE). This is a 13.1% increase from the 2021-23 legislatively approved budget. The budget includes a package adding one Investigator 2 (1.00 FTE) position to increase the percentage of investigations answered in a timely manner and the addition of one Office Specialist 2 (0.50 FTE) to assist with investigations. In addition, the measure includes an increase for non-uniform rent.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 5517 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out to do pass, as amended.